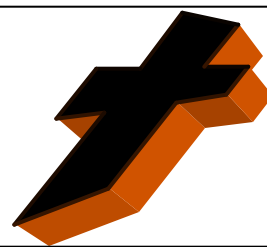


# LIFETIMES



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## Announcing the First Annual Gateway Golf & Walk Event



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There are many ways of organizing such an event. This year, for the first time, Gateway will be getting professional help so that we may maximize the stewardship potential. We are privileged to have the help of Champion Golf Events founded by Don Carmichael, after helping Josh McDowell Raise over \$500,000 for his *Why Wait?* chastity campaign. They are based in Birmingham, Alabama.

Champion consultants are independent contractors responsible for working closely with executive directors of Christian ministries and other organizations to introduce, train, and manage its events. Our Board Chairman, Rev. Michael Westbrook, has seen his local *Young Life* ministry blessed by Champion. Michael intends to continue to use the expertise of Champion as he and his wife, Maria, have transitioned to their own ministry, *Greater Life*.

**Champion has challenged us to 'Beat Our Best Fundraising Record!' and 'Work Smarter, Not Harder!'.  
We've taken that challenge!**

The Golf & Walk Event is a new event concept that combines a fundraising golf event with a unique approach to doing a standard "walkathon" event.

Walkers walk the two-mile event at Warananco Park, in Elizabeth / Roselle, NJ, while golfers play nine holes at a beautiful local golf course relatively near Warinanco Park. Everyone finishes together at the end for an awards celebration and our usual large-scale picnic. All participants raise pledges prior to the event. The Golf & Walk Event is planned on a 12-week timeline and mobilizes *everyone* in the ministry to raise money for Gateway, not just those 15% of adults who can play golf.'

Stay tuned! You'll be hearing more very soon!

**Kristin** first came to Gateway – Irvington a few years ago. She needed baby items and we helped. She returned a year later and we helped again. All the time we shared with her about her need for Christ. She and her boyfriend, Charlie, returned last year, were expecting a baby. We spoke to Kristin about the Lord. She was polite and interested.

She returned a few months later for baby items. We again spoke to her about the Lord. She had Romeo (pictured here with Charley, Kristin and Stacey). She came into the office recently to give us a photo, with the inscription: "Thank you for all the help throughout all 3 pregnancies". Oh, by the way.. last year, Kristin met a Christian woman named Judy. Kris and her family now attend a Bible church with Judy and she has made a commitment to Jesus Christ! Praise the Lord that he used Gateway in bringing the gospel to this family.



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## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK...

Rev. Dean Gavaris



### Angry Christians and the Pro-life Movement

Neal Horsley, 2/15/04, is webmaster /publisher of <http://www.christiangallery.com/> which boasts being The Best Known And Most Visited Christian Web Site On Earth

He says this: "'Pro-life Christians" despise us just like Planned Parenthood despises us. We expose the sin of both groups. "The Christian leaders of the pro life movement, like all hypocrites, have said one thing, then done exactly the opposite. The pro life leaders make those defenders of unborn children out to be disobedient to the Lord Jesus Christ even at the same time that these same leaders applaud the President of the United States of America for rising up and killing ruthlessly, even wantonly, those who would try to treat them the way the unborn are being treated...Like the scribes and Pharisees, the Christian

pro life leaders have presumed to take the initiative in leading God's people, but also like the Pharisees, they have led God's people into hypocrisy rather than into truth. ", {also see <http://www.armyofgod.com/> and <http://www.christiangallery.com/ExplodingArmyofGodMyth.htm>}

There are many 'angry Christians' in the pro-life movement. Their angry rhetoric often appears on their websites or emails sent to ministries like Gateway. Angry Christians rail against injustice, but often show a lack of love for those made in His image. They forget that the enemy is Satan, not the authority established by God or those fighting evil by righteous means. They paint with a broad brush. They label everything a conspiracy. They attack the person and not the sin. They often do it with an angry approach, which seems soaked in self-righteousness, proclaiming themselves end-time prophets instead of end-time evangelists.

Angry Christian should turn us off because we know from James 1:20 that the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God. 'Angry Christianity' is not appealing but revealing. It reveals a reactionary attitude rather than a revolutionary attitude.

I Corinthians 2:15 – "For we are a **fragrance** of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing"

At Gateway, we believe abortion for any reason, is child killing, but we also believe that the abortionist is a worthy person, made in God's image, who needs repentance.

So what can pro-life believers do? Of the Liquid ministry at Millington Baptist Church (NJ), says this: "Jesus, as so often was his custom, did not focus his energies on "defending" the reputation of God. More than anything, Jesus gave his life to REFLECTING the heart of God -- showing what it was like to live a holy life like His Father."

Speaking up against evil? Yes! (Esther 4:14) "For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place and you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?"

But how we 'react' to this evil should be guided by a desire to 'reflect' His Holiness.

(For additional information, including our tract 'They Shoot Abortionists, Don't They?' check our website, under: <http://www.gateway.org/content/mission.htm>)



## E-MAIL MINISTRY

### Questions People Ask:

Y..., age 23 writes;

"My boyfriend and I have been together for almost a month. He has now left me and I am not sure whether I am pregnant. I don't want to be pregnant because my family will kill me. Can I avoid pregnancy at this early stage? Please help me out of this situation."

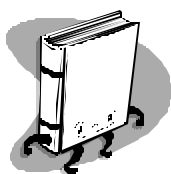
Michelle wrote:

She was told by a local clinic that she was two weeks pregnant. She was referred to Steven Brigham (700 N.

Broad) who again told her that she was two weeks pregnant. She came to Gateway in Elizabeth for an ultrasound and for a referral to a doctor. Her tests at our Elizabeth office were negative!

**Dalia writes:**

1. ...this is an unplanned pregnancy...but I plan to raise the child. I know with you, the Lord and my friends, I will be able to make it through.
  2. ...My mom is trying to force me into having an abortion. I refuse and she told me to pack my things and live with someone else.
  3. My mom told me she has had 3 abortions in the past.
  4. Today I called her from a friend's and told she me not to contact her. Thank you for helping me.
  5. My mother is allowing me to come and see her.
- Thanks for being there for me. I'll keep in touch with you.



## REAL LIFE STORIES

As Deb, a volunteer at Gateway Elizabeth, was checking the halls for discarded literature before leaving for the day, she saw them. A couple with a little boy were sent to the hallway by the abortion staff because they had the



little one with them. Deb invited them to come downstairs to Gateway. They talked with Deb and took the pregnancy test. The dad said, "Maybe God sent us here."

Deb did not hear from them after that until one day Joan found a note under the door. It was from **Mr. L...**, thanking Gateway and informing us that his wife was going to have twin boys. They were born in August 2002. Deb and her husband visited the family and met the five children and the twins! **Mr. L.** calls Deb his angel from God!!

**Angela** originally come to 700 North Broad Street for an abortion. She went upstairs to abortionist Steven Brigham's office. Joan noticed her in the building and recognized her as a previous Gateway client. Joan asked, "What are you doing here?" She put her arms around **Angela** and walked with her down to Gateway. After counseling, **Angela** changed her mind and had baby **Zakia Octavia** on May 26, 2002! Angela and her boyfriend also came to Christ at Gateway!



**Tony** called Joan because his wife had an abortion 2 weeks before. He was struggling with this and needed post abortion counseling. Joan was able to share the Gospel with him and he did pray the sinner's prayer. Dean is now arranging to have him study God's Word with a male counselor. Even men need to know that something good can come from something horrific and that is new life in Jesus Christ. Thank God for His mercy.



**Joanne**, after seeing *Harder Truth*, called and said, "Abortion is nasty – not right!" She changed her mind and had baby **Valerie** in August 2003.



## WHERE WE'VE BEEN AND WHERE WE'RE GOING

### October 2003

- 9 (Thursday) – Annual Stewardship Banquet
- 24 NJ Christian Ministries Conference, Hawthorne, NJ  
"Biblically Addressing The Abortion Issue" 7:30pm
- 25 NJ Christian Ministries Conference, Hawthorne, NJ  
"Teaching Chastity to Youth" (3:30pm)

### December 2003

- 14 Calvary Gospel Church, Newark, NJ : Global Christian Women's Assembly – 4:30-6:30pm

### January 2004

- 18 Budd Lake Chapel, Budd Lake, NJ – am SOHL
- 22 Right to Life Rally in Trenton, NJ
- 25 Grace Orthodox Presbyterian (Sunday School and am Sanctity of Life message)

### February 2004

- 6 West Essex Baptist Church (Livingston, NJ)  
youth group message on chastity
- 21 Orchard Park CMA (Union, NJ) Baby Shower

### March 2004

- 7 Calvary Tabernacle (Elizabeth, NJ) am- SOHL message
- 8 East Coast School of Urban Ministry, Elizabeth, NJ  
Dean and Joan teaching 3 of 7 sessions on CPC's
- 8-10 Infant Adoption Awareness Training, Plainsboro, NJ -{Five of our staff will be taking this 3-day intense training}
- 16 Bethany Evangelical Free Church (W. Orange, NJ)  
'Center for Champions' after school program – chastity talk to 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> grade girls

### April 2004

- 3 Timothy Christian School Parents "ACT" group:  
"Teaching Chastity To Youth" training
- 14 Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ  
Baby Shower and message on pregnancy / abortion
- 24 Fundraising musical concert at Fairleigh \ Dickinson U. (tentative)

### May 2004

- 15 First Annual Golf and Walk-for-Life

### June 2004

- 5 One-Day Adoption Training Seminar 8:30-4:30pm  
@ Evangel Baptist Church, Springfield, NJ

### October 2004

- 9-10 NJ Christian Ministries Conference, Hawthorne, NJ

### November 2004

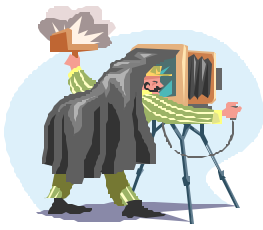
- 18 Gateway's annual Stewardship Banquet

# Lives affected

## 1985 through January 2004

| Women<br>Seen | Babies<br>Born | Coming<br>to Christ |
|---------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 17,700        | 1,508          | 846                 |





## PICTURE GALLERY



A family signs up for the Baby Bottle Fund Raiser at Grace OP Church, Westfield.



Dean shared a 5-minute challenge to come to Christ before a crowd of a few hundred at the Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> Right to Life Rally in Trenton.



Dean speaks with Ruby Ruth after delivering the Sanctity of Life message at St. John's Baptist Church, Newark, Nov. 16, 2003.



Dean taught a Sunday School class on the Sanctity of Life at Grace OP Church in Westfield on Jan. 19, 2004.



We now offer Daddy Packs to all new dads, helping them with their parenting responsibility.



Dean role-played with two Planned Parenthood staff at the Infant Adoption training in Lawrenceville, NJ, December, 8-10, 2003.



Dean and Pastor Lou at Budd Lake Chapel after SOHL Message, January 18, 2004.



The concert at Fairleigh Dickinson University to benefit Gateway and Silent Voices has been rescheduled for April 24, 2004.



We met Keisha and her son, Marcus, at a recent church speaking engagement. She was abortion -minded and came to Gateway 10 years ago!



Rosalie Perez meets Kermit at Gateway.

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